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AS YOU WILL HAVE NOTED FROM REFTELS, INDO-BANGLADESH RELATIONS CONSTITUTED SUBSTANTIAL TOPIC IN SECRETARY'S OCTOBER 6 AND 7 MEETINGS WITH INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER Y. B. CHAVAN. AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE, YOU MAY DRAW ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS BACKGROUND IN MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO SENIOR BANGALEE OFFICIALS:

-- IN DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN'S RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S., INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG DESIRE FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH.

-- WE WELCOME THIS INDIAN ASSURANCE, WHICH IS IN ACCORD
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WITH OUR BELIEVE THAT REGIONAL STABILITY AND PROGRESS ARE

DEPENDENT UPON PEACEFUL AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS
AMONG ALL THE NATIONS OF SOUTH ASIA. DURING MEETINGS WITH
CHAVAN, U.S. SIDE EMPHASIZED OUR BELIEF THAT INDIA AND
BANGLADESH REQUIRE GOOD RELATIONS. INGERSOLL

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